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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF NICARAGUA FOR SWINE
EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of hog cholera, african swine fever, and teschen's disease.
2. The animals originate from premises where no clinical cases of atrophic rhinitis have been reported during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
3. The animals originate from herds where no clinical cases of pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease) have been reported during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
4. The animals originate from validated brucellosis free herds. (Indicate date of herd test) OR see Test Requirement #1.
5. The animals originate from premises where no clinical cases of transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) have occurred during the 180 days prior to embarkation.
6. The animals originated from herds where no clinical cases of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) have been reported to occur.
7. The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected.
8. After due inquiry, I am satisfied that the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days prior to embarkation:

1. Brucellosis: *Brucella suis*; officially recognized serological test.
2. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at the 1:400 dilution for *L. canicola*, *L. grippotyphosisa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona*, and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*. OR see Vaccination Requirement #2.
3. Pseudorabies: Serum neutralization test at the 1:4 dilution

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Erysipelas: Vaccinate within 30 days of embarkation. Indicate date and type of vaccine used on the health certificate.
2. Leptospirosis: Vaccinate within 90 days of embarkation. Indicate date and type of vaccine used on the health certificate. OR see Testing Requirement #2.

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (17-140) the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37):

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals "have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto" (within 24 hours of exportation).